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to the Hon. David Sears for his valuable services in the office which he has this day resigned.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Saltonstall, and his retiring associates, Colonel Aspinwall and Mr. Warren, for their useful services as members of the Standing Committee.

MAY MEETING.

The Society held their stated monthly meeting this day, Thursday, May 8, at twelve o'clock, noon; the President in the chair.

Donations were announced from the Mercantile Library Association of New York; the Society of Antiquaries, London; the Trustees of the Peabody Institute; the Publishers of the Farmer and Gardener; Mr. William S. Appleton; Mr. Porter C. Bliss; J. B. Congdon, Esq.; D. P. Corey, Esq.; Messrs. Little, Brown, & Co.; John D. Long, Esq.; Mr. A. G. Remington; Moses H. Sargent, Esq.; B. P. Shaw, M.D.; Rev. M. P. Stickney; S. Urbino, Esq.; Nathaniel Willis, Esq.; and from Messrs. Bartlet, Deane, Gray (H., jun.), Green, Lothrop, Lincoln (S.), Metcalf, Robbins (C.), Sabine, Thomas, and Winthrop, of the Society.

A portrait of Captain Isaac Collins was presented in the name of Nathaniel Willis, Esq.; for which the thanks of the Society were voted to the venerable donor. The portrait bears the following inscription: —

"Portrait of Capt. Isaac Collins, naval officer in the Revolution, and pensioner of the United States till he died. Painted in the year 1790."

An invitation was read by the President from a Committee of the town of Bernardston, Mass., addressed to the Society, requesting its presence by one or more delegates at the celebration of the one hundreth anniversary of the incorporation of that town, on the 20th of August next.

Voted, That this Society acknowledge the courtesy of the Committee of Arrangements, and accept their invitation.

Voted, That the selection of delegates be referred to the Standing Committee; who appointed Hon. George T. Davis and Dr. J. G. Holland.

The President read the following letter addressed to him by J. C. Hooker, Esq., a lineal descendant of the Rev. Thomas Hooker, the first minister of Cambridge, N. E.: —

ROME, 6th April, 1860.

DEAR SIR, — I beg to send you a small engraving of an Indian from Virginia, engraved by the celebrated engraver Hollar in 1645.

I first saw it in the window of a print-shop in Rome; and was struck with the similarity of the head and neck ornaments to those worn by the Etruscans, now so much in fashion.

The portrait is undoubtedly of one of the first Indians that came to Europe from Virginia; and it would be interesting to find out of whom.

Should you know of any society in the United States making collections of articles pertaining to the early history of America, you can make a present of the engraving, providing you think it of enough interest.

I remain yours very truly,

J. CLINTON HOOKER.

Hon. R. C. WINTHROP.

Agreeably to the permission contained in this letter, the President presented the engraving to the Society in the name of Mr. Hooker.

Mr. WARREN communicated a letter from William Durrant Cooper, Esq. (a Corresponding Member of this Society), containing a sketch of the early pedigree of William Hayley, D.D., Dean of Chichester, the original of the portrait in the Society's gallery, recently identified by the diligent research of Dr. Appleton, our Assistant-Librarian.

Mr. STURGIS, in fulfilment of a commission to which he was appointed by the Society in December, 1861, reported that he had conferred with the family of the late Samuel Yendell in regard to any memento of the voyage of the ship "Columbia," and had obtained a list of the officers and crew, and a bill from the owners of the ship to Mr. Yendell. Mr. Sturgis gave a brief account of the voyage of the ship, and the discovery of Columbia River.

JUNE MEETING.

The Society held a stated monthly meeting this day, Thursday, June 12, at twelve o'clock, M.; the President in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the State of Ohio; the City of Boston; the City of Roxbury; the American Antiquarian Society; the Essex Institute; the Maryland Historical Society; the Mercantile-Library